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TRANSCRIPT, TELEVISION PROGRAM, REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD C. OSTERTAG WITH  
ALLEN W. DULLES, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AS GUEST.  
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HCO: How do you do, friends.

It is my privilege to have as my guest today the Director of our Central Intelligence Agency, Mr. Allen W. Dulles. It is Mr. Dulles' job to coordinate our worldwide intelligence activities, so that those who are responsible, shall be aware at all times of any threat to our country's security and safety. This, of course, is a task of immeasurable importance and scope. It requires the constant evaluation of the political, economic and military influences that affect the fate of our troubled planet. In short, you might say that his task is to keep a running check on the use and misuse of power in this world, and to warn us when its misuse threatens our safety. Mr. Dulles, who is the brother of our Secretary of State, was born in Watertown, New York, the son of a Presbyterian minister. He has served in our intelligence agencies periodically since World War I, becoming director of our Central Intelligence Agency in 1953.

Allen, I suppose the most absorbing development in modern history is the current drive in Russia to destroy Stalin's prestige. What is the meaning of that campaign?

AWD: This attack on Stalin, I think is motivated by this: They are trying to persuade the peoples of the Soviet bloc that they are doing away with tyranny. Now I don't believe they are. I think the Kremlin is now

dominated by a bunch of tyrants, but I think they feel it will be useful for the future, if they can persuade the people of the Soviet Union that they are doing away with tyranny. That's why they are attacking Stalin, because we all know Stalin was a tyrant.

HCO: Do you think that Stalin was murdered?

AWD: I don't know. He had a lot of enemies. I just don't know; haven't got any evidence on it.

HCO: Do you think that he murdered his wife?

AWD: I don't know about that, either. He murdered a lot of people.

HCO: Is there any reason to think the Communists have changed their goals along with their leadership?

AWD: No, I don't believe they have. I don't believe you have time, with all you've got to do, to read the proceedings of the Twentieth Party Congress -- they ran to some millions of words -- those proceedings took place in February -- they set forth their program, and the program is not fundamentally changed. They want to take over the free world. They want to spread Communism throughout the world. Now they think they can do it by other means. They think the softer line may get them further than the hard, rigid line of Stalin.

HCO: What is happening to the morale of the Russian people under the impact of the anti-Stalin campaign? What effect is this sudden switch from hot to cold, so far as Stalin is concerned, having on the minds of the Russian people?

AWD: Well, Harold, I think they're pretty badly befuddled. Here for twenty-twenty-five years, they've built Stalin up to be their great hero. He brought their country from being a third or fourth rate country to

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being the second greatest country in the world. The second most powerful country--I won't say the greatest, but the second most powerful from the military and economic point of view. Second only to us. He led them to victory in a World War, and they made him a great hero. All of the history books are full of the Stalin legend. All of a sudden now they tell the people this fellow was<sup>no</sup> good. Not only that, but he was a murderer, he was inept in his leadership and everything of that kind, even in his military leadership. Well, I don't believe you can do that to a people. They haven't got any schoolbooks any more. They haven't got any history books. They've got to change the whole business. And that isn't easy to do. And the people don't really know how to take it. They're befuddled.

HCC: Granted that the people are befuddled, are the Kremlin leaders downgrading Stalin in order to upgrade themselves?

AWD: I think they feel they will be able to carry out their goals better. I don't think they're really going to upgrade themselves, because you can't turn around, after you've been a man's friend and profited by all the honors that he's given you, and that's happened to the present leaders of the Kremlin--it was Stalin that made them--you can't turn around and destroy your benefactor and really think it's going to make you stand higher in the minds of the people. But I think that they feel that they've got to get rid of this very hard line. The people were beginning to be very uneasy. Now I don't believe in revolution these days unless you can get the army back of you. But you can't run a country if your people are sullen and uneasy and frightened of the policy and all that sort of thing. Therefore I think they think they

would have done it.

HCO: And the people are uneasy?

AWD: Oh, I think they are.

HCO: Do you credit the recently published story that Stalin was originally a secret agent of the Czar?

AWD: I haven't got any real evidence on that. It's very very hard to tell. I've seen the document, but I really can't answer that, Harold, I just don't know.

HCO: Let me ask you a question which had to do with your sister, Eleanor. We hear a great deal these days about this famous secret tunnel from West Berlin to the East sector. Was your sister, Eleanor, responsible for that tunnel?

AWD: I think that's just a good Communist joke. They had a lot of fun with that one, I think. I don't think we can put that responsibility on her. She's in the foreign service, doing diplomatic work, and I don't think she had any part in the tunnel.

HCO: She is doing a grand job and is one of the best authorities on Berlin And East Germany. I, of course, was one of a party of three that was arrested there last fall by the German police under the jurisdiction and control of the Communist Russians. What is going to happen to Berlin and the situation with respect to unification of Germany?

AWD: I don't expect to see any early change in that. Obviously the Communists would like to get us out of Berlin. They're working to try to do that. But having failed in their great effort, at the time of the blockade, I don't think they feel they can move in on us now. But they'd like to get us out. There isn't any question about that.

HCO: Would you regard my arrest and that incident as a part of their strategy dealing with the division of Berlin?

AWD: I think that from time to time, they want to show that in East Berlin they're going to exercise firm control. And I think they probably highlighted it there. If they could arrest some American Congressmen, that showed, "We're going to exercise power and control in this area."

HCO: What did appear to be the purpose was that they were trying to foist on the world, the free world and the United States, the fact that they had transferred jurisdiction to the East German Democratic Republic, that phony government that's now in charge of East Germany.

AWD: Well, they're trying to build up something that will be a counterpoise to West Germany. West Germany is the showcase of the free world. Here's the free world working, and you contrast the marvelous economic, industrial and overall situation of West Germany and West Berlin with the East--that is the greatest contrast of the slave type of life and the free type of life. And they don't like that.

HCO: Let's turn to another part of the world. Are the Red Chinese preparing to attack Formosa?

AWD: That's a tough one. Let me put it this way. The Chinese Communists are building up their strength in that part of the world opposite Formosa. They're building airfields, they're bringing in more troops, and they are in a military position where they could attack at least the offshore islands. They can't attack Formosa really, as long as the American fleet stands there. But they could attack the offshore islands. And whether they will do it or not--that's another question.

HCO: Well, how about South Korea?

AWD: South Korea at the moment--the Chinese Communists are taking their troops out of North Korea to quite a large extent. And I would doubt whether, having failed in a particular area, as clearly as they have, they would start something new there right away. But still, they have the force; on the other side of the Yalu, the troops will be there. And if it was in the interests of their policy to do so, they could start something.

HCO: Allen, we hear an awful lot, and we read in the press arguments over whether Russia is ahead of us in the development of atomic energy and the development of the intercontinental ballistic missile. Are the Russians ahead of us in these developments?

AWD: Harold, in my job, I give intelligence and information on where the Russians stand; that is my job, and I'm not really in the job of making comparisons. I'm not an expert on the American position. But maybe departing from that sort of basic philosophy that I have in my work, I can say this, that overall, in the atomic field, I feel quite sure they aren't ahead of us. They are putting a great deal of stress now on building up nuclear power in the electrical field. And they have a very dramatic program, announced recently in their sixth five-year plan. Overall, though, they're certainly not ahead of us. I was thinking of atomic energy here to create electric power rather than atomic energy in the missiles field.

HCO: Well, how about the intercontinental ballistic missile? Would you say they are ahead of us or behind us?

AWD: I don't want to make a comparison there. It's very difficult to do it. They have made quite a lot of progress in that field. But I have

HCO: Speaking of intelligence, many of us are aware that our military-- the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, all have their intelligence; we have our FBI and Secret Service--are the intelligence services of our government, Allen, effectively coordinated as a team, or are we going off in all directions?

AWD: I think now we have a very good team, Harold. I'm very glad that these services are there, that they are effective, because the military people are the most adept at getting and analyzing military information and we work very closely together. We meet together every week and we coordinate our work and there is very good cooperation among the intelligence services. We don't want another Pearl Harbor, you know.

HCO: You're working together as a team?

AWD: That's right.

HCO: One last question: How do you get a job with the CIA?

AWD: Well, you have to be pretty good to start with, because I don't want any second rate people. I'm always out for really first class people. All you have to do is come around to our office at 2430 E Street, here, or write a letter to our director of personnel, and you'll get an answer, and then someone will come and talk with you, and if you've got the qualifications, glad to have you.

HCO: Well, thank you, Allen. I'm afraid our time is about up. Friends, you have been listening to Allen W. Dulles, the director of our Central Intelligence Agency, who is responsible for intelligence work of our national government, throughout the world. This is your Congressman, Harold Ostertag, reporting to you from the nation's capital, and I want to remind you in closing that this is YOUR government.

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